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Regarding Claim 1 applicant argues that the cited reference fails to disclose a screen switching unit configured to switch a screen displayed on tile operation display part to a screen of an application program that is selected on the selection screen or selected by pushing the function key.

In reply Examiner respectfully disagrees because Hashimoto clearly discloses in Col. 11 lines 20-27- thus "the control section of the copier switches the picture appearing on the LCD 239." Wherein the picture is referring to any image or icon that is displayed on the LCD screen. Which can be an icon for the respective function keys and therefore the switching key is for switching between icons or pictures or images which represents application programs. Please understand that these icons or pictures or images are displayed supported by application program.

Conclusion

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